1. **Who should I ask for a letter of recommendation?**
   You should ask a teacher who knows you well and can speak to your academic strengths. Employers and coaches can also be good sources for recommendations.

2. **Do I need to declare a major before applying?**
   No. It’s very common to be unsure of which major is right for you before starting classes. Use the College of Arts and Sciences Explore tool at asc.osu.edu/explore to match your interests and strengths with majors, minors and graduate programs.

3. **Is it possible to earn a major and a minor?**
   Yes, very easily. In fact, many majors will require you to complete a minor.

4. **Can I double major?**
   Yes. With careful planning, you should be able to successfully double major in any two majors. Just make sure to talk with your advisor early in the process.

5. **Can I change my major?**
   Yes. It is not uncommon for students to change their major, particularly during their freshman and sophomore years.

6. **Why is the Early Action deadline so important?**
   If you wish to be considered for university merit scholarships, the Morrill Scholarship Program or either the Honors or Scholars programs, you must apply by November 1.

7. **What happens if I don’t apply by the Early Action deadline?**
   You can still be admitted to the university but you will not be eligible for the Honors or Scholars programs and you will be less likely to receive financial aid from the university.

8. **How will I pay for everything?**
   A variety of need- and merit-based financial aid options, as well as student loans, are available. You might also consider a part-time job on or off campus or through the Federal Work-Study Program.

9. **Why is it so important to submit a FAFSA application?**
   In order to be considered for need-based financial aid or federal student loans, you must submit a FAFSA application.

10. **How many courses should I take each semester?**
    You’ll need to take at least 12 hours to be considered a full-time student. To take more than 18 credit hours, you’ll need to petition the university and pay an additional fee. Remember that 15 credit hours a semester will keep you on track to graduate in four years.
11. What should I do if I need help with a class?  
A variety of tutoring options and academic support services are available on campus, including the Younkin Success Center, the Dennis Learning Center, the Math & Statistics Learning Center and the Center for the Study and Teaching of Writing. You can also attend your instructors’ office hours with specific questions.

12. Ohio State is so big. Won’t I just get lost in the crowd?  
We’re a big university, but we don’t have to feel too big. There are a variety of peer mentorship programs and over 1,000 student organizations to help you connect to a community on campus.

13. How long will it take me to graduate?  
It depends on your major and whether you enroll full or part-time, participate in a co-op or internship, or study abroad. More than 83 percent of Ohio State’s incoming first-year students graduate within six years of full-time enrollment (two semesters per year), and about 60 percent graduate within four years.